

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A cable guide comprising:

2 a hollow body, said body provided with a slot that extends through a wall
3 of the hollow body and extends between first and second ends of the body to
4 allow cable to be added or removed from the body,

5 a column ring provided on a first end of said body, said column ring
6 provided with channels on its outer edge for removably receiving cables within
7 the channels, said column ring being rotatable so that each channel can
8 sequentially align with said slot to provide access to each channel, and

9 the body provided with a cylindrical portion adjacent the second end onto
10 which cable ties can be pre-tied in preparation for slipping the cable ties off the
11 second end and around a bundle of cables as the cables exit the second end.

1 2. A cable guide according to Claim 1 further comprising:

2 a flexible boot secured to said second end for squeezing the cables into a
3 bundle as they exit the second end.

1 3. A cable guide according to Claim 2 further comprising:

2 said flexible boot provided with a boot slot that extends through the boot,
3 said boot slot being aligned with said slot in the body.

1 4. A cable guide according to Claim 3 further comprising:

2 said flexible boot provided with a central opening that is continuous with
3 the boot slot.

1 5. A cable guide according to Claim 4 further comprising:

2 flexible fingers extending into said central opening as a means of
3 squeezing cables into a bundle as the cables exit the second end.

1 6. A cable guide according to Claim 5 wherein the flexible boot is
2 smaller than the second end so that cable ties that are pre-tied around the
3 cylindrical portion of the body can be slid off of the second end.

1 7. A cable guide according to Claim 1 wherein the first end has a
2 larger diameter than the second end.

1 8. A cable guide according to Claim 7 wherein the cylindrical end had
2 a diameter approximately the same as the diameter of the second end.

1 9. A cable guide according to Claim 1 further comprising:

2 a separating ring provided on the first end so that the separating ring
3 divides each channel into an inner half and an outer half, said separating ring
4 provided with a ring opening extending through the separating ring, said
5 separating ring being rotatable so that the ring opening sequentially aligns with
6 each channel to provide access between the inner half and the outer half for
7 each channel.

1 10. A cable guide according to Claim 1 further comprising:

2 a mark provided on said column ring in association with each channel to
3 identify the channel and cable contained within the channel.

1 11. A cable guide according to Claim 1 wherein the channels are
2 spaced apart from each other so that the slot in the body can be positioned so
3 that it does not align with any of the channels as a means of retaining cable
4 within the channels.